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SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL

JAPANESE NUCLEAR EXPERT FEELS COMMUNIST CHINA NOW ABLE TO PRODUCE ATOMIC BOMB -- Tokyo, Japan Times (English-language), 29 Jun 60

CPYRGHT

Ichiro Fujibayashi, a Japanese expert on nuclear affairs, said that it is "possible" for Red China to produce atomic bombs now because "since the end of last year, there is a possibility that the important raw material Pu-239 can be produced in China" by the Chinese atomic reactor, Asia's largest, under the administrative control of the Nuclear Institute of the Academia Sinica in Peiping. Basing his careful conclusions on systematic compilations of all available Chinese Communist information, mostly from official sources, Fujibayashi's report appeared in the latest issue of the Toho Han-Getsukan (Eastern Fortnightly), a specialist magazine on Asian affairs published in Tokyo by the Eastern Press.

[Comment: Using the same data, others have concluded that China is not yet capable of producing atomic bombs. It is possible that Asian opinions corresponding to those of Fujibayashi could lead to serious changes in the political orientation of other Asian countries toward Communist China.]

TERRAMYCIN PRODUCED BY CHINESE PLANT -- Foochow, Fukien Jih-pao, 26 Jan 60, p 4

CPYRGHT

Terramycin was successfully trial-produced by the Amoy Cod Liver Oil Plant at the end of 1959. China had first successfully trial-produced terramycin during the 1958 leap forward movement. In the first half of 1959, the Amoy plant began manufacturing drugs in addition to cod liver oil products. Following its initial success in trial-producing 18 types of drugs, including peptone and mannitol, the plant began the trial production of terramycin. In the past, China depended largely on imports for its supply of this drug.

[Comment: This publication was only recently received in FDD.]

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ECONOMIC

VESSEL UNLOADS ARMS IN UAR PORT AND PROCEEDS TO HAIFA -- Tel Aviv, Lamerhav, 28 Jun 60

CPYRGHT

A European-owned vessel arrived empty in the port of Haifa on 27 June 1960 from Port Said. Proceeding from the USSR with a cargo of arms, the vessel had unloaded at the port of Alexandria. Crew members said that the UAR port authorities had been unaware that the vessel was bound for an Israeli port. The vessel was scheduled to load 2,500 tons of phosphate in Haifa on 29 June for transshipment to Hungary from a Yugoslav port. Ship agents said that it has not been decided where the ship will go after its arrival in Yugoslavia. -- Yonah Shimshi, Lamerhav correspondent

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